

# FORT MCHENRY COMPOSITE SQUADRON

## CIVIL AIR PATROL

*... performing missions for America*

*... to serve America by developing our nation's youth; performing local, state and national missions; and informing our citizens about the importance of aerospace education.*

Civil Air Patrol was founded in December 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, by more than 150,000 citizens who were concerned about the defense of America's coastline. Under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces, CAP pilots flew more than one-half million hours, were credited with sinking two enemy submarines and rescued hundreds of crash survivors during World War II. On July 1, 1946, President Harry Truman established CAP as a federally chartered benevolent civilian corporation, and Congress passed Public Law 557 on May 26, 1948, making CAP the auxiliary of the new U.S. Air Force. CAP was charged with three primary missions—aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services.

### SOME KEY FACTS ON CAP....

- Classified as a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation
- Operates as the all-volunteer civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force
- Operates one of the largest fleets of single-engine piston aircraft in the world, with 550 currently in the fleet
- Flies, through volunteer members, nearly 120,000 hours each year
- Offers orientation flights in powered and glider aircraft, and flight training scholarships
- Conducts 95 percent of inland search and rescue in the United States, as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and other agencies
- Performs aerial reconnaissance for homeland security
- Saves an average of 100 lives per year
- Provides disaster-relief support to local, state and national disaster relief organizations
- Transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products and body tissues
- Provides damage assessment, light transport, communications support and low-altitude route surveys for the U.S. Air Force
- Assists federal agencies in the war on drugs
- Conducts orientation flights for Air Force ROTC students

To learn more about CAP and its opportunities and challenges for volunteer Pilots, check out these websites:

CAP NHQ – [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov)

Fort McHenry Squadron [www.fortmchenry.mdwg.cap.gov](http://www.fortmchenry.mdwg.cap.gov)

CAP – Pulse on America video: <http://civilairpatrolnhq.sitestream.com/PulseOnAmerica.vsmf>

CAP hurricane relief operations: [http://level2.cap.gov/visitors/news\\_events/cap\\_hurricane\\_relief\\_operations/](http://level2.cap.gov/visitors/news_events/cap_hurricane_relief_operations/)

CAP video on demand: [http://www.capchannel.com/video\\_on\\_demand](http://www.capchannel.com/video_on_demand)

Directions to Bloomsbury Community Center

#### **From South**

Take I-95 or I-295 (BWI Parkway) north to I-195.

Take I-195 West toward Catonsville

As I-195 ends continue west on MD 166.

Turn right at the first stop light past Catonsville High School, this is Bloomsbury Ave.

Proceed north on Bloomsbury approx. 1 mile. The Community Center will on your left.

#### **From West**

Take Rt 40 to Rolling Road

Turn right on Rolling Road, heading south

Follow Rolling Road to Frederick Ave (Rolling Road will dead-end at Frederick Ave)

Turn left on to Frederick Ave towards Catonsville.

Turn right on to Bloomsbury Ave. Proceed approx ¼ mile. The Center will be on your right.

#### **From East/North**

Take Baltimore Beltway to Frederick Ave exit.

Take Frederick Ave west toward Catonsville.

Turn left onto Bloomsbury Ave.

Proceed approx ¼ mile. The Center will be on your right